

II. REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 16 and 17 have been amended and claim 15 has been canceled. As a result, claims 1-20 remain pending in this application. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 7 is objected to. Applicants have amended claim 7 to address the Office's concerns. Claims 15-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants have canceled claim 15 and have amended claims 16 and 17 such that the claims no longer depend from claim 15. Claims 1-14 and 18-20 have been indicated as being allowed. Applicant gratefully appreciates the indication of allowance.

IV. CONCLUSION

In addition to the above arguments, Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's combinations and modifications of the various references or the motives cited for such combinations and modifications. These features and the appropriateness of the Office's combinations and modifications have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However,

Applicants reserve the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

/Hunter E. Webb/
Hunter E. Webb
Reg. No. 54,593

Date: July 31, 2008

Hoffman Warnick LLC
75 State Street, 14th Floor
Albany, New York 12207
(518) 449-0044
(518) 449-0047 (fax)